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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000		Four weeks ended	Coal (e) '000 tonnes	
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			
1986-87—																	
February			34.1	9,973	11,120	36,042	42,694	473	532	482	493	25.8	27.4	177	180	March 7	15,386
March	24,525		43.3	10,804	11,008	40,745	43,250	531	519	504	489	25.3	23.4	199	194	April 4	16,368
April			34.4	10,409	11,079	41,619	44,933	462	501	487	499	24.2	27.2	158	182	May 2	12,930
May			37.7	11,457	11,085	46,777	43,432	479	470	496	474	29.3	26.9	173	200	May 30	15,548
June	24,608		37.2	11,844	11,002	48,908	43,015	533	506	468	463	25.3	23.8	198	207	June 27	15,783
1987-88—																	
July			46.3	12,566	10,749	56,709	46,033	552	512	500	466	31.1	25.3	193	170	July 25	14,470
August			47.2	12,075	11,081	52,306	46,105	547	532	479	464	28.4	25.0	187	176	August 22	14,263
September	26,629		40.4	11,228	11,183	49,379	43,606	562	557	502	479	29.4	26.1	209	172	September 19	10,673
October			49.4	11,346	11,477	45,474	44,642	524	519	551	502	29.8	26.8	225	185	October 17	15,442
November			40.6	10,688	11,550	39,857	42,894	449	449	517	499	29.8	27.5	201	175	November 14	15,513
December	26,225		30.6	11,021	11,685	37,937	43,916	445	522	538	499	25.1	27.6	190	187	December 12	15,206
January			29.7	11,510	12,420	35,543	43,906	406	411	357	532	7.0	22.6	78	163	January 9	4,197
February			41.4	11,497	12,377	36,907	42,399	475	510	501	496	26.2	26.9	184	187	February 6	12,940
March	24,283		44.9	11,433	11,529	42,488	44,851	584	575	534	507	31.4	27.5	197	180	March 5	13,208
April			35.5	11,723	12,562	38,747	42,104	492	525	448	459	24.1	28.9	164	198	April 2	n.y.a.

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Price index manufacturing division(a) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)		Meat '000 tonnes		Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		STOCKS(d)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts received by brokers(c)	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1986-87—																
February	3,374	3,523	871	790	17,098	16,738	463.9	192	200	473	535	47,337	74.2			
March	3,270	3,020	984	889	15,366	14,047	466.0	207	198	442	364	54,511	76.9	44,688	44,593	
April	3,866	4,130	1,069	1,069	14,368	15,150	468.4	204	200	367	570	45,176	77.5			
May	3,695	3,025	923	911	15,356	14,747	469.8	202	205	328	564	40,899	74.7			
June	3,341	3,013	915	978	16,334	14,239	471.7	191	196	303	550	34,034	79.6	44,558	44,716	
1987-88—																
July	4,419	3,635	921	863	15,826	13,788	474.1	209	194	349	505	61,117	81.6			
August	3,739	3,344	913	973	16,509	15,457	478.3	186	198	486	491	97,670	81.9			
September	3,628	3,264	1,107	1,054	14,659	13,414	480.8	203	189	649	497	127,858	80.4	46,236	46,059	
October	4,061	3,588	1,008	884	14,491	12,448	483.0	234	222	797	511	122,358	78.0			
November	3,387	3,467	966	846	14,312	13,392	486.8	214	216	752	507	104,412	77.7			
December	2,582	3,404	775	946	13,063	15,499	489.6	198	209	696	517	99,737	77.0	47,069	47,195	
January	781	2,611	448	752	13,677	11,890	494.3	181	211	604	513	37,755	80.7			
February	3,324	3,376	994	900	15,279	14,403	498.4	215	219	471	532	58,515	79.3			
March	3,465	3,024	1,046	855	15,655	13,883	501.3	235	209	399	508	60,256	78.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
April	3,320	3,432	892	939	13,235	13,807	n.y.a.	181	190	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1986-87 —									
February	2,878	3,018			243		-121	-826	12,604
March	2,032	3,058	6,449	5,236	242	161.1	-216	-914	13,866
April	2,919	2,897			240		-337	-1,135	16,867
May	3,151	2,906			243		-130	-880	16,787
June	3,372	3,270	6,538	5,252	243	158.3	-141	-804	17,594
1987-88 —									
July	2,931	2,473			245		-826	-1,369	18,512
August	3,160	2,968			247		-170	-734	19,315
September	3,081	3,396	6,428	5,313	252	158.2	-737	-1,337	19,557
October	3,307	3,301			253		-436	-1,252	19,858
November	3,349	3,518			258		-297	-800	17,607
December	3,844	3,593	6,817	5,725	264	p164.6	-56	-747	17,430
January	3,478	2,927			268		356	-389	17,169
February	3,633	3,589			p272		-19	-764	16,869
March	3,598	3,748	7,087	5,781	p278	n.y.a.	-344	-1,094	17,331
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.		328	-396	18,564

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to SA at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) \$m

Month	Total			Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(b) '000	
	Current prices			Average 1979-80 prices				Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate				
1986-87 —											
February	4,214	4,758	4,744			1,427	1,524	391	540	28.2	30.8
March	4,515	4,751	4,768	7,781	8,287	1,501	1,535	463	541	32.0	29.7
April	4,651	4,855	4,800			1,530	1,541	519	545	26.2	28.3
May	4,788	4,741	4,840			1,525	1,543	552	549	29.3	28.6
June	4,583	4,861	4,886	8,134	8,363	1,474	1,543	520	554	32.6	30.3
1987-88 —											
July	4,912	5,029	4,934			1,544	1,544	557	557	32.6	30.0
August	4,676	4,970	4,978			1,514	1,549	463	559	29.1	29.1
September	4,833	5,009	5,011	8,246	8,563	1,515	1,556	520	561	34.0	32.3
October	5,123	5,025	5,033			1,611	1,566	545	564	31.8	31.9
November	5,088	5,048	5,052			1,561	1,576	576	567	29.0	30.7
December	7,008	5,092	5,075	9,698	8,552	1,874	1,586	1,133	572	37.0	35.6
January	4,800	5,076	5,105			1,549	1,596	485	575	24.9	30.2
February	4,656	5,095	5,137			1,529	1,605	421	577	28.8	30.3
March	5,132	5,248	5,166	8,066	8,546	1,676	1,614	522	577	35.0	30.4
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p29.7	p33.7

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (%)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (\$)	Index of minimum award rates of pay: full-time adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females	June persons (\$)	All groups		Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)	
1986-87 —														
January	445.30	291.10	429.90	222.0	1.19									
February				222.0										
March				228.9		164.7	157.7	153.1	166.2	162.1	176.8	185.2	158.7	
April				228.9										
May	451.70	299.00	436.50	228.9	1.23									
June				229.0		167.2	157.9	157.8	169.4	165.6	178.4	189.7	162.0	
1987-88 —														
July				229.0										
August	458.10	302.30	444.50	229.2	1.22									
September				229.4		170.0	160.2	159.1	172.3	168.8	181.9	192.6	163.7	
October				229.7										
November	471.10	306.60	450.50	230.4	1.46									
December				n.y.a.		172.9	162.2	163.8	174.4	171.4	186.7	195.9	168.4	
January				n.y.a.										
February	477.00	314.10	458.80	n.y.a.	1.34									
March				n.y.a.		176.0	165.0	163.9	177.2	173.4	188.6	199.8	176.2	

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Price indexes(a)										Private new capital expenditure(b)(c) \$ m				
	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1986-87 —															
February	1,154.0	1,351.7	9.2	10.0	194.7					106.4	182.1				
March	1,512.6	1,418.6	10.3	9.8	274.7	4,085.4	4,425.8	27.0	29.1	107.1	183.6	1,537	1,792	3,076	3,559
April	1,401.2	1,437.6	9.2	9.5	240.7					107.9	184.8				
May	1,429.5	1,392.6	10.5	10.1	231.3					108.0	185.2				
June	1,607.7	1,443.5	11.0	10.2	286.0	4,433.4	4,365.3	27.8	27.8	108.4	186.9	1,781	1,785	3,892	3,590
1987-88 —															
July	1,603.6	1,557.8	11.2	10.8	206.7					108.9	187.7				
August	1,846.7	1,738.0	10.5	10.4	181.2					109.8	188.9				
September	1,615.2	1,613.6	11.6	11.0	226.4	4,844.3	4,596.8	31.0	29.4	110.2	189.8	1,951	1,951	3,461	3,503
October	1,818.7	1,786.7	12.1	11.5	228.0					110.8	191.7				
November	1,778.4	1,652.6	12.6	12.2	167.9					p112.0	p194.3				
December	r1,727.1	r1,715.1	11.8	11.9	r262.8	5,026.3	4,980.8	33.4	32.6	p112.9	p196.2	r2,391	r2,089	r4,092	r3,885
January	1,462.0	1,971.7	10.2	13.7	170.3					p113.8	p198.5				
February	1,919.4	2,139.6	12.8	13.4	256.3					p114.7	p199.4				
March	1,825.1	1,650.8	14.5	13.0	209.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p200.9		p1,775	p2,088	p3,310	p3,820
April	1,878.6	2,027.9	12.6	13.9	212.1					n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (c) These data are not directly comparable with estimates published prior to 10 December 1987.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m			
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m				
1986-87—											
February	45,914	45,738	45,240	44,827	44,027	44,675	871	167	69	15.05	5,943
March	47,675	47,942	46,595	45,905	44,794	44,953	907	162	76	14.10	7,064
April	48,993	49,724	46,701	45,866	45,973	45,152	931	167	75	13.85	10,748
May	50,607	50,984	46,411	46,469	46,093	45,723	844	169	73	13.25	7,400
June	52,481	52,260	46,207	46,352	45,773	45,880	859	192	69	13.00	7,687
1987-88—											
July	53,640	53,398	46,598	46,881	45,998	45,765	1,004	191	76	12.85	5,929
August	54,244	53,865	45,902	46,674	45,618	45,832	908	217	67	12.60	6,877
September	55,012	54,818	45,865	46,271	46,366	46,760	1,220	258	76	11.80	5,199
October	55,332	55,289	46,926	47,148	47,316	46,990	1,155	326	80	13.00	5,644
November	55,967	56,150	47,567	48,223	47,397	47,507	1,162	294	76	12.35	6,735
December	57,495	56,921	47,873	47,424	48,457	48,315	1,345	257	72	11.45	7,485
January	56,907	57,099	47,120	47,006	47,572	47,831	850	175	61	11.35	6,494
February	57,483	57,357	46,638	46,156	47,167	47,831	1,331	2288	79	11.55	6,730
March	57,599	57,996	47,617	46,719	47,564	47,723	1,771	390	97	10.85	8,618
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	47,681	46,966	46,656	46,812	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	10.90	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(\$ million)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1986-87 –														
September	61,911	62,066	1,867	2,371	60,044	59,695	37,247	37,400	11,508	11,921	10,399	10,288	4,298	4,738
December	69,109	64,233	4,264	2,551	64,845	61,682	40,431	38,092	12,443	12,006	11,415	10,844	4,855	4,782
March	62,654	65,815	2,204	2,619	60,450	63,198	37,256	38,822	11,471	12,280	9,956	10,997	4,053	4,670
June	66,693	68,764	1,724	2,734	64,969	66,030	38,970	39,617	13,442	12,611	11,652	11,309	5,828	4,869
1987-88 –														
September	70,620	69,965	2,551	2,849	68,069	67,116	40,807	41,054	12,302	12,743	11,817	11,677	4,235	4,661
December	77,605	72,471	4,977	2,955	72,628	69,516	44,188	41,606	13,664	13,186	12,945	12,294	4,645	4,569
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES														
1986-87 –														
September	36,250	36,614	1,625	2,149	34,625	34,465	21,671	21,779	6,433	6,705	5,696	5,647	2,308	2,548
December	40,777	37,092	3,832	2,231	36,945	34,861	23,021	21,659	6,965	6,699	6,080	5,781	2,568	2,527
March	35,436	37,448	1,893	2,245	33,543	35,203	20,722	21,640	6,305	6,783	5,197	5,728	2,126	2,450
June	36,868	38,302	1,459	2,213	35,409	36,089	21,432	21,762	7,388	6,884	6,004	5,816	3,012	2,516
1987-88 –														
September	38,296	38,237	1,718	2,083	36,578	36,154	22,052	22,197	6,533	6,810	5,977	5,921	2,152	2,368
December	42,318	38,807	3,713	2,156	38,605	36,651	23,611	22,191	7,211	6,933	6,464	6,145	2,316	2,277
AT CURRENT PRICES – continued														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)			
							Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements	Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1986-87 –														
September	12,341	11,708	9,667	9,760	32,156	32,569	8,450	8,143	14,297	14,123	32,162	49,782	8,981	40,801
December	12,089	11,984	10,994	10,808	34,593	32,886	9,953	9,142	17,066	14,526	34,586	56,462	8,963	47,499
March	11,339	11,977	10,441	10,847	31,706	33,368	8,503	9,223	14,337	15,368	31,692	49,616	10,711	38,905
June	11,776	11,878	11,115	10,898	34,675	34,400	9,381	9,823	14,244	16,354	34,670	55,647	15,732	39,915
1987-88 –														
September	12,688	12,046	10,908	11,074	35,127	35,129	10,053	9,696	17,249	16,621	35,127	55,692	9,572	46,120
December	13,149	13,016	12,460	12,205	37,666	36,225	11,623	10,683	19,482	16,652	37,646	61,824	10,813	51,011

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY
OF JOB
VACANCIES
(b)**

LABOUR FORCE(a)

Month	Employed (' 000 persons)				Unemployed (' 000 persons)				Unemployment rate (per cent)		Participation rate (per cent)		Number of job vacancies (' 000)
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total						
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1987—													
February	5,681.0	5,669.3	6,998.2	7,038.2	581.1	520.4	699.6	632.8	9.1	8.2	62.2	62.0	62.7
March	5,706.2	5,681.9	7,109.1	7,056.0	562.4	534.3	702.5	647.6	9.0	8.4	63.0	62.2	
April	5,687.5	5,704.2	7,078.1	7,078.1	530.8	530.3	652.1	640.5	8.4	8.3	62.3	62.2	
May	5,680.2	5,696.5	7,084.0	7,077.1	530.6	532.3	635.0	636.1	8.2	8.2	62.0	62.0	53.8
June	5,690.8	5,719.1	7,111.2	7,114.1	506.2	519.8	603.6	621.3	7.8	8.0	61.9	62.1	
July	5,771.9	5,760.7	7,157.8	7,145.3	510.9	528.7	610.2	636.6	7.9	8.2	62.2	62.3	
August	5,656.3	5,716.0	7,073.2	7,136.3	495.4	509.2	601.9	626.4	7.8	8.1	61.4	62.1	56.2
September	5,734.4	5,720.8	7,165.8	7,129.3	489.6	501.8	598.2	603.6	7.7	7.8	62.0	61.8	
October	5,751.0	5,755.7	7,156.1	7,145.2	475.6	514.6	585.2	632.2	7.6	8.1	61.7	62.0	
November	5,705.6	5,708.7	7,159.9	7,125.3	469.6	508.7	566.5	617.9	7.3	8.0	61.5	61.6	52.2
December	5,872.2	5,794.4	7,307.9	7,218.8	506.7	501.6	619.6	611.8	7.8	7.8	63.0	62.2	
1988—													
January	5,825.0	5,832.3	7,145.3	7,296.0	541.9	499.6	645.2	614.1	8.3	7.8	61.8	62.8	61.8
February	5,845.6	5,833.6	7,219.1	7,261.7	519.8	466.6	642.8	583.7	8.2	7.4	62.3	62.2	
March	5,884.5	5,899.2	7,366.1	7,310.8	493.0	467.5	642.8	588.3	8.0	7.4	63.3	62.5	
April	5,874.6	5,891.9	7,353.5	7,342.4	491.4	490.1	642.8	628.5	8.0	7.9	63.1	62.9	

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about three-fifths of the population of Australia. For further information see The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0).

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)
('000 persons)**

Month	Australia													Total Govt. and Private
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N. T.	A.C.T.	Government				Total	
									Private	Common-wealth	State(b)	Local		
1986—														
October	1,946.5	1,566.9	804.0	483.0	515.4	149.0	56.8	121.3	3,889.4	438.7	1,159.8	156.3	1,754.9	5,643.0
November	1,962.3	1,573.3	805.2	485.1	520.0	151.1	55.5	120.8	3,924.0	438.8	1,154.5	156.1	1,749.4	5,673.3
December	1,959.4	1,579.1	803.0	484.1	521.5	151.5	55.0	120.3	3,947.0	440.1	1,131.4	155.3	1,726.9	5,673.8
1987—														
January	1,917.5	1,537.6	792.7	465.2	515.1	147.5	54.4	117.6	3,870.2	440.2	1,085.2	152.0	1,677.4	5,547.4
February	1,953.5	1,567.7	807.0	474.0	526.9	148.8	55.1	120.8	3,939.4	441.0	1,118.6	154.8	1,714.4	5,653.8
March	1,960.7	1,579.7	808.9	477.2	524.3	152.4	54.7	121.6	3,940.6	442.4	1,141.6	155.1	1,739.1	5,679.6
April	1,979.8	1,589.5	817.6	479.3	522.5	154.7	55.4	122.1	3,979.1	441.7	1,146.6	153.6	1,741.9	5,720.9
May	1,989.6	1,604.0	822.4	480.0	525.1	155.9	56.0	123.4	4,003.8	442.1	1,155.3	153.3	1,752.7	5,736.4
June	1,991.7	1,596.7	822.2	480.2	525.3	154.2	56.8	122.7	3,989.7	442.5	1,161.2	156.6	1,760.3	5,749.9
July	2,002.3	1,626.9	821.2	487.5	524.5	153.4	55.4	121.6	4,002.4	502.4	1,133.1	154.9	1,790.4	5,792.8
August	2,002.6	1,619.4	818.0	485.9	524.0	152.2	55.0	122.2	4,034.1	436.5	1,152.1	156.7	1,745.3	5,779.4
September	2,009.0	1,623.5	819.3	485.8	523.0	151.3	54.7	122.3	4,039.8	433.4	1,158.5	157.0	1,748.9	5,788.7
October	2,035.0	1,629.1	835.2	482.4	521.4	150.4	52.3	123.2	4,089.7	432.1	1,150.6	156.5	1,739.2	5,829.0
November	2,059.7	1,639.7	843.2	487.4	528.1	151.5	52.5	125.3	4,145.9	432.2	1,152.2	157.2	1,741.5	5,887.4
December	2,065.8	1,649.2	838.8	487.4	529.1	153.1	51.4	125.0	4,166.7	432.6	1,143.1	157.2	1,733.0	5,899.7

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employees selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers are collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6236.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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